

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph 27 with the following amended paragraph:

**[0027]** Figure 2 provides a diagrammatic representation of the routing of a telephone call between telephone users A and B who are engaged in a telephone call that uses one embodiment of the method and system of the present invention. When, for instance, during the telephone call with user B, user A wants to block sound transmission from his/her telephone to user B, user A presses a keypad, for instance, number "1." This generates a unique dual tone multiple frequency [{"DTMP"}] ("DTMF") which is recognized at the Central Office, 15, as a signal to turn on the muting function.